

## **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Citizens may comment on a draft permit for a facility to manage hazardous waste in Wallops Island, Accomack County, Virginia.

Public Comment Period: July 20, 2005 to September 06, 2005

Permit Name and Number: Permit For Open Burning (OB) Treatment of Hazardous Wastes; Number: VA7800020888

Any person who engages in the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous waste must submit an application for this permit to the Department of Environmental Quality.

Purpose Of Notice: To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

Permit Applicant: Wallops Flight Facility

Facility Name And Location: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, VA 23337-5099

Project Description: Wallops Flight Facility applied for a permit on December 31, 2003 to operate a facility that treats hazardous waste. This permit is the most recent draft which would permit Open Burn Operations which have occurred at this location since 1972. The facility is located in Wallops Island, Accomack County, Virginia. The hazardous wastes that are managed are rocket motors and igniters that do not meet performance standards and are classified as hazardous wastes. The motors and igniters are treated at the Open Burning (OB) area. The Open Burning area consists of three OB subunits and a burn pad used to thermally treat various rocket motor propellants and igniters in order to render them non-reactive and non-hazardous. The draft permit will allow the facility to safely treat up to 75 tons per year of rocket motor propellants and igniters.

How A Decision Is Made: After public comments have been considered and the permit appropriately modified, DEQ will make the final decision unless there is a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period if notice of opposition to the draft permit and a request for a hearing from the public is received within the public comment period.

Public Hearing: DEQ will conduct a Public Hearing on Friday, August 19, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Eastern Shore Community College, 29300 Lankford Highway, Melfa, VA 23410; phone (757) 789-1737.

To Review The Draft Permit, Fact Sheet And Application: The public may review the documents at the DEQ Tidewater Regional Office every work day by appointment. Copies of the permit documents are also available at DEQ Office of Waste Permitting, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219 and Accomack County Library, 23610 Front Street, Accomac, Virginia.

How To Comment: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may also write to the address below to be added to the facility mailing list.

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